



## TOWN OF TYNGSBOROUGH

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes **APPROVED**

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Monday June 1, 2009

6:00 P.M.

Town Offices

Members present: Selectwoman Elizabeth Coughlin, Selectman Robert Jackson, Selectwoman Ashley O'Neill, Selectman Rich Lemoine, Selectwoman Karyn Puleo.

Staff Present: Town Administrator Rosemary Cashman, and  
Admin Assistant Therese Gay

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Selectwoman Puleo called the meeting to order. The Board was introduced. Selectwoman O'Neill read this evening's agenda.

1. 6:00 P.M. Re-Organization

The Vice-Chair passed the gavel over to the Town Administrator until such time that a Chairman is appointed. The Town Administrator opened nominations from the Board for Chairman. Selectman Lemoine nominated Selectwoman Puleo, hearing no further nominations, nominations were closed. Selectman Lemoine motioned Karyn Puleo be voted Chairman for the upcoming year, second by Selectman Jackson. Hearing no further discussions the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Karyn Puleo as Chairman. Chairman Puleo accepted the gavel from the Town Administrator.

The Chair, Selectwoman Puleo opened nominations for Vice-Chairman. Selectman Jackson nominated Selectman Lemoine for Vice-Chairman. Hearing no further nominations, the Chair closed nominations. Selectman Jackson motioned Rich Lemoine be voted as Vice-chairman for the upcoming year, second by Selectwoman O'Neill. The Board voted 5-0 to appoint Rich Lemoine.

The Chair, Selectwoman Puleo opened nominations for Clerk. Selectwoman Coughlin nominated Selectwoman Ashley O'Neill for Clerk. Hearing no further nominations, the Chair closed nominations. Selectwoman Coughlin motioned Ashley O'Neill be voted as Clerk for the upcoming year, second by Selectman Jackson. The Board voted 5-0 to appoint Ashley O'Neill.

2. 6:15 P.M. Attorney Peter Nicosia – Discuss Warrant Article 16,

Tyngsboro Sports Center's Petition

Attorney Peter Nicosia and Mr. Darryl Wickens were in attendance to speak to Article 16. Mr. Wickens is seeking an all alcoholic beverages license for his business the Tyngsboro Sports Center. Because there are no available licenses, Mr. Wickens must petition the Town Meeting body to vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature for an additional license. If approved by the Legislature, the Sports Center must apply for a license from the Board of Selectmen. Also Massachusetts All Alcohol Beverages Control Commission will have to approve the license. Attorney Nicosia explained that Mr. Wickens is looking to expand his business and to be more competitive. Alcohol will not be served during the daytime youth activities. It is more the adult leagues during the evenings and for banquets. This is not a request for a zoning change; the request is for a license to serve alcohol at the sports center.

The Board thanked Attorney Nicosia and Mr. Wickens for coming this evening to discuss the article.

### 3. 6:45 P.M. Budget Discussions

The Board of Selectmen invited the Finance Committee to their meeting to discuss the Finance Committee's recent decision to cut the budget further. The Board and the Committee had met several times to discuss the budgets with the various departments in order to come up with a balanced budget for town meeting. To hear that the Finance Committee voted to cut further the street light account, the police budget and the School budget to add additional monies to the Library and Council on Aging was a complete surprise. The Board asks how did the Finance Committee arrive at these proposed cuts, did they meet with the departments? The Board is well aware that the cuts to the Library and Council on Aging had been drastic but were necessary. At present, there is no plan set up for the elimination of street lights in town. The school has already cut 37 positions, the police are facing layoffs. The Town Offices have cut hours. At the end of discussions, the Board voiced their displeasure in facing town meeting with two different budget recommendations. The Board thanked everyone for attending and for their comments.

### 4. Citizen's Time

Paulette Grout spoke in support of the Finance Committee's recommendations and asks all employees to help in anyway they can by giving up their raises and perks.

Ms Jacqueline Schnackertz mentioned briefly the budget dilemma and is looking for a more specifics from the Finance Committee. Ms Schnackertz reported on the success of the Project Wish, the donations were much needed. Thank you to all who donated and helped make it a success.

### 5. Other Business

#### A. Sign Warrants

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectman Jackson, second by Selectwoman Coughlin to approve, sign and post the Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Discussion on Article 4 and Article 11, Article 4 set a \$1.00 stipend for and elected official who has been grandfathered to receive health insurance through the Town. And Article 11 the \$6,500 payment for weed eradication for Lake Mascuppic is not considered as a maintenance item.

### 6. Correspondence

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectwoman O'Neil, second by Selectman Jackson to accept correspondence as submitted. The Board has taken discussion on televising town meeting live under advisement until Monday June 15 when they will discuss and make a decision.

### 7. Selectmen's Notes

Selectman Lemoine announced the Town's Bicentennial celebrations events coming up. Check the local access channels for more information or contact the Town Clerk at the town hall.

### 8. Town Administrator's Notes

The Town Administrator announced that - (1) the HVAC project at the Elementary School is moving along, the contract has been awarded. The company is Royal Steam Heater Company of Gardner, MA. We are working with a consulting engineer. This project will be completed this summer. (2) Campground - The renovation of this area into a park is still in the

permitting stage. The State Division of Wildlife and Fisheries reviewed the project and has given the go ahead – the project will not affect the habitat for endangered species. The Town’s Conservation Commission will review the project on June 9. The federal government will then review the project for stormwater management issues. It his hoped that the project will be out to bid soon and that construction will be completed in the fall. Town Meeting has approved funds for this project. (3) Market Analysis of Town Center – The Town issued a request for proposals for consultants to perform a market analysis. The Economic Development Committee will be interviewing on Wednesday evening, June 3, 6:30 p.m. The Town Meeting has approved funds for this project. (4) Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement Program - this is the last call for those who want to apply for this program. This is the second year for this program. Five senior citizens will be selected to perform 94 hours of work for the town and receive a tax abatement up to \$750. Senior citizens who are 60 years old, and who have owned and resided in their home for at least 5 years are eligible. Preference will be given to qualified seniors who have not previously received an abatement. Interviews will be held next week with the Town Administrator, COA Director and Library Director.

9. Executive Session (if needed)

A. Collective Bargaining

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectwoman O’Neill, second by Selectman Jackson to enter into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining and to return to open session only to adjourn. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Robert Jackson, yes; Selectwoman Elizabeth Coughlin, yes; Selectwoman Ashley O’Neill, yes; Selectman Rich Lemoine, yes; Selectwoman Karyn Puleo, yes. The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:45 P.M.

10. Adjournment

The Board voted unanimously on a motion by Selectwoman O’Neill, second by Selectman Jackson, to adjourn. The Board adjourned at P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Therese Gay  
Admin Assistant

Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_